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1. ALLIED DELEGATIONS CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION MAY 20 DURING BRIEF PROCEDURAL CONSIDERATION IN POLADS, A LONG, ACERBIC EXCHANGE AT PERMREPS' LUNCH, AND FIVE-HOUR SESSION IN SPC.

2. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) EVIDENCED PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY AT LUNCH OVER "ATTACK" ON BELGIAN DRAFT LAUNCHED BY THE U.S. THROUGH ITS EMBASSIES IN EUROPE. HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. HAD IMPLIED THAT BELGIAN DRAFT RESULTED FROM "COLLUSION" BETWEEN DE STAERCKE AND DE ROSE (FRANCE). DES STAERCKE SAID THIS WAS A "LIE" AND U.S., BY ITS TACTICS, WAS GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF ATTEMPTING TO DICTATE ITS WILL TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. AS EVERYONE AT THE TABLE JOINED IN THIS MELEE, AMB BRUCE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT CONVERSATION WAS BECOMING UNNECESSARILY OVERHEATED. EXCHANGE WOULD UP WITH SEVERAL PERMREPS NOTING NEED TO REACH COMPROMISE. (PLEASE TREAT THIS PARA AS /NOFORN.)

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3. SPC DISCUSSION, IN EVENING, MOVED RAPIDLY TOWARD IMPASSE AS BELGIAN, FRENCH, AND NETHERLANDS REPS DEFENDED WORDING IN BELGIAN TEXT AND MADE CLEAR THAT A NUMBER OF POINTS CONTAINED IN IS DRAFT AND LOGAN (UK) REDRAFT WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO THEIR AUTHORITIES: TURK

AND GREEK REPS TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO REFERENCES TO DISPUTES AMONG ALLIES IN IS AND LOGAN DRAFTS AND GENERALLY SUPPORTED BELGIAN DRAFT. TURK REP ALSO SUGGESTED INCLUSIONS OF LANGUAGE FROM ARTICLE III OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY REGARDING "MUTUAL AID". NETHERLANDS REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT ACCEPT REFERENCES TO ALLIES SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO ECONOMIC AND "ENERGY" PROBLEMS SINCE THIS IMPLIED THEY WOULD ACT AS BLOC IN OTHER FORUMS. HE OBJECTED TO INCLUSION IN IS AND LOGAN DRAFTS OF 'COLD WAR' LANGUAGE DRAWN FROM EARLIER COMMUNIQUES THAT WOULD NOT APPEAL TO NETHERLANDS PUBLIC OPINION. FRG, CANADIAN, ITALIAN, DANISH, AND NORWEGIAN REPS SUPPORTED ELEMENTS FROM BOTH DRAFTS, BUT INDICATED OBJECTIONS TO SOME PASSAGES OF IS/LOGAN DRAFTS.

4. U.S. REP (PEREZ) MADE STRONG STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REF A AN NEED FOR A SUMMIT DECLARATION WHICH IS MEANINGFUL TO THE PUBLIC IN TERMS OF NATO COHESION AND RESOLVE AND WHICH DEMONSTRATES WILLINGNESS OF ALLIES TO ACKNOWLEDGE PROBLEMS AND TO DEAL WITH THEM. PEREZ SAID THAT IF OTHERS WERE NOT PREPARED TO WORK FROM LOGAN DRAFT, U.S. WOULD SUPPORT IS TEXT. IN ATTEMPT TO BREAK IMPASSE, ASSISTANT SYG KASTL SUGGESTED THAT SPC REVIEW ALL ELEMENTS IN IS, LOGAN AND BELGIAN TEXTS, PULLING TOGETHER INCLUSIVE LIST OF ESSENTIAL BUILDING BLOCKS AND ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS FOR EACH. SPC DEVOTED SEVERAL HOURS TO THIS TALK AND FINISHED UP WITH LIST OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS AND SENTENCES FROM VARIOUS DRAFTS COVERING THESE POINTS. UK REP (LOGAN) NOTED THAT DISCUSSION POINTED UP TENDENCY ON PART OF ALLIES TO SUPPORT BELGIAN DRAFT SIMPLY BECAUSE ITS LANGUAGE WAS MORE GENERAL AND LESS CONTENTIOUS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD LEAD AWAY FROM CRISP, SUBSTANTIAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH UK AUTHORITIES DESIRE.

5. SPC MEMBERS AGREED THAT EXERCISE WOULD NOT COMPROMISE POSITION OF ANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS ON SUBSTANCE OR EVEN THE ORDER OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF DRAFT. IS WAS ASKED TO ISSUE EARLY MAY 21 INFORMAL LIST OF BUILDING BLOCKS ON WHICH SPC COULD CONTINUE DISCUSSION LATER IN DAY.BRUCE

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